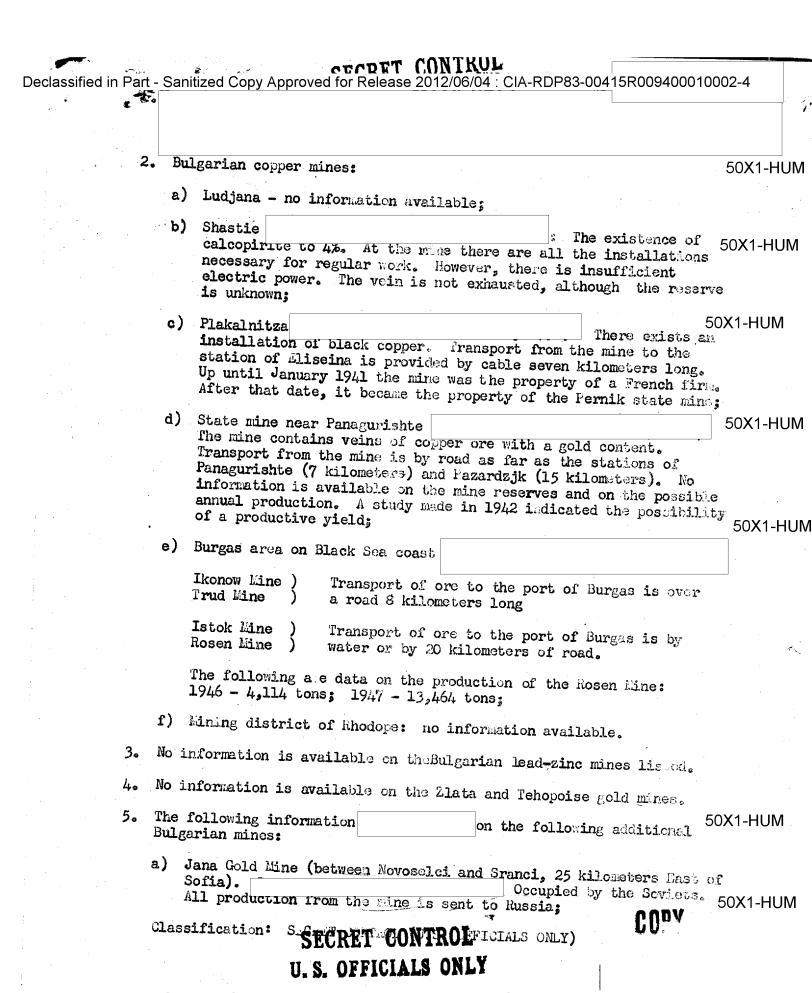
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b) Copper, zinc and lead mine of Stragel (50 kilometers approximately East of Sofia). 50X1-HUM In the mine there are 1300 workers employed, all 50X1-HUM members of the Communist Party. Among directive personnel of the mine there are several Soviet technicians who in effect control all the production. The mines are worked 24 hours running in 3 hour

Production: Before and during the war, the daily production of the mine was from 6-7 tons. In 1946, after nationalization, a new vein was discovered. with the arrival of electric compressors from Russia and with the electrification of the rail line from the mine to the refinery, and with improvement of work systems, the daily production has reached 25-30 tons.

Refining: The refinery is situated 80 meters from the entrance of the mine. Material reaches the refinery on a small electric railway or pushed by hand. The ore is sifted electrically. Them. it is washed and dried. Then it is placed in paper bags of 50 kgs. each. A half of the production is sent to Russia and Sh 50X1-HUM other half goes to the foundary which is near the refinery.

Direct communications with the mine: the railroad line Makolevo-Sopot under construction in which it is expected a spur from Pirdop-Stragel will be constructed. In the meantime, communications are maintained over the roads to Pirdop and Saranci. In the latter locality the ore is loaded on railroad cars:

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c) Coal mine at Pernik (30 kilometers Southwest of Sofia). It is the most important coal mine in Bulgaria, but no other information is available;

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d) Lead and copper mine "Zar Assen" near Pavelsko (20 kilometers Southwest of Asenovgrad in Valle Capelarask).

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This mine was nationalized, but no other information

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e) Uranium mine of Buhovo (20 kilometers Northeast of Sofia). About 1500 soldiers and 3000 civilians working there. The one is shipped to a plant 4 or 5 kilometers from the mine where it is washed and cleaned. After this preliminary operation, it is packed and shipped to the Soviet Union.

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